THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) The Central Issue Prices (CIPs) of rice and wheat issued to State Governments under the PDS are as under:

(In Rs. Per Quintal)

Category	Rice(Gr. A)	Wheat
APL	830	610
BPL	565	415.
AAY	300	200

(b) As per information received from State, the States Government of Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Karnataka, Sikkim and Pondicherry have fixed the sale prices of rice lower than the CIPs fixed by the Centre under public Distribution System for the BPL Category, while Punjab and Tamil Nadu have fixed sale prices of rice lower than the CIPs fixed by the Centre for the API Category.

(c) and (d) No, sir. As per the present policy, allotment of foodgrains including rice under Public Distribution are made to State/UTs at Central issue Prices fixed by the Central Government.

Salt advertisement

2926. DR. VIJAY MALLYA:
SHRI ABU ASIMAZMI:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that more than one salt are advertised on Door-darshan National Channel daily and each salt is declared as the best one and none else;

(b) if so, whether Government have approved all the salts for consumption by public;

(c) if not, the reasons for such misleading and improper propaganda keeping the public in dark; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government for release of only approved salt for use of public in the market and when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN):

(a) Under the National Iodine Deficiency Disorders Control Programme (NIDDCP) the Government has been advertising the use of only iodated salt for direct human consumption to overcome the problem of Iodine Deficiency Disorders in the country and not any brand of iodated salt.

(b) The Union Government have laid down standards of Iodated salt under the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act 1954 and rules 1955.

(c) The manufacture of Iodated salt is liberalized to the Private Sector also. Therefore some of the companies may sometimes overemphasize the quality of their product through TV advertisements.

(d) In order to ensure consumption of approved quality of Iodated salt by the public, the same is being monitored by the salt Commissioner at manufacturing level and State/U.Ts. Health Directorates as consumption level both under IDD monitoring laboratory and Public Health Laboratories under the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act.

Bonus on wheat

†2927. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to give bonus to the producers on the procurement of wheat in the current year;

(b) if so, the amount of bonus and when this bonus was announced and the cut off date of its implementation; and

(c) whether it is a fact that above mentioned annoucement has been made amid commencement of the procurement of new wheat crop, if so, the reasons for not making this announcement in the beginning?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.